

H. C. Burleigh Papers

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Your name... LOUIS HARRY VIAU M DORIS ELEANOR WANNAMAKER 17 AUG 1947
Your Parents- HARRY JOSEPH VIAU M EVA GERTRUDE SHONIKER

Harry Viau (VIAU)-born-18 Mar. 1872 married-Adeline Meir-4 Feb. 1902-born-25 Jan. 1883
died-23 Sept. 1937 died-27 Oct. 1955
Jean Baptiste Viau - married Marceline Boulerisse-25 Feb. 1862-Chateauguay, Quebec
Jean Baptiste Viau - .. M. Catherine Duranceau-22 Jan. 1821-Chateauguay, Quebec
Nicolas Viau - .. Francoise Leuyer -27 Nov. 1769-St. Laurent, Quebec
Jacques Viau - .. M. Anne St. Germain-Jasmin-1 Dec. 1736-St. Laurent, Mtl., Que.
Jean Viau - .. Francoise Prevost-23 Nov. 1711 -Montreal, Quebec
Michel Viau - .. Marie Ulet -De Orillac diocese de Saintes, Saintonge, France

BOULERISSE LINE:

Marceline Boulerisse -married -Jean Baptiste Viau-25 Feb. 1862-Chateauguay, Quebec
Jean Baptiste Boulerisse -.. -Amelie Plante -21 Nov. 1825 Chateauguay, Quebec
Jean-Bte Boulrice -.. -Susanne Pare -21 Nov. 1803 Sault St. Louis, Quebec
Antoine Bourisse -.. -M. Louise Faubert -20 Oct. 1783 Chateauguay, Quebec
Jean Bte Bourhis -.. -M. Joseph Guillerier-21 May 1753-Lachine, Quebec
Gabriel Bourhis -.. -Genevieve Jette 5 Mar. 1731 -Montreal, Quebec
Jean Bourhis -.. -Marie Dumets -22 Oct. 1686 - Montreal, Quebec
Jean Bourhis -.. -Helene Rousseau -De Brest, Bretagne, France

Grandfather Meir (Mear)

Louis Meir -born-25 May 1847 - Three Rivers, Quebec
died - 7 Apr. 1929 - 81 years old occupation -Stationary Engineer

The first VIAU,S to our Country were :

Jean Viau :

Your first ancestors to this country and other Viau families, were originally from
Ozillac diocese of the Saints, formerly the Province of Saints St. Onge, France. This Pa
Parish to-day is part of the Dept. of Charente Maritime.
Jean Viau immigrated to Canada and was established since his arrival in the Parish
of St. Laurent, near Montreal, where he lived all his life.
On the 23 Nov. 1711 in Montreal he married Francoise Prevost. Five children were
born from this union, three which were boys.
Jean Viau died in Montreal, St. Laurent, 25 July 1750, at the age of 69. His descendants
were founded principally in the regions of Chateauguay, Beauharnois, Valleyfield,
St. Constant, Lachine, Longueuil, St. Genevieve, Pointe Clair, Boucherville, St. Benoit,
Montreal and the Richelieu Valley.

Jean Bourhis :

This first ancestor to this country and those of the families of Bourhis, Boulrice,
Bourice, Bourisse, originally came from Brest in Bretagne. To-day this town is part
of the Dept. of Finistere.
It was in this village that your ancestor was born, Jean Bourhis in 1658, from the
marriage of Jean Bourhis and Helene Rousseau. Your ancestor was a pottery maker as
his profession. The annals of the time mention that he was a pottery maker to the King.
The turntable was a delicate instrument in the pottery industry.
At Notre Dame in Montreal on the 22 Oct. 1686, Jean Bourhis married Marie Dumets.
Your ancestor had a good family of six children, three boys and three girls, all who
reached adult and married. One of his sons named Gabriel from whom you descended,
established himself in Lachine.
Your ancestor was carried away prematurely from his family on the 19 Nov. 1708 at 50
years of age. One can see from his interment in the Register of Notre Dame in Montreal
Marie Dumets his widow married Charles Varry de Longueuil and the Bourhis children
were reared in this family. Jean Bourhis descendants are found through out Quebec.
Lachine, Chateauguay, and surrounding counties.

